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Chairman Kevin Martin
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Room #8B-201
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Internet Access for our community

Chairman Martin:

As a nation we have become increasingly reliant upon web based communications. Schools are increasingly reliant upon web based resources to support the classroom experience. Municipalities are utilizing the wireless internet communications to augment their public safety services.

With the increasing role of the internet there is an increased demand for wireless access. For many students their access to the internet is limited by the schedule and availability of computers at their school or the library.

I have read that there is a proposal pending before the Federal Communications Commission that would provide free wireless internet access to all communities. Free wireless access would grant all students the ability to utilize the internet at home permitting them to compete on level playing field with their colleagues.

The Elective Officials in my district would also benefit from this proposal. The proposal includes a provision to make available a secondary data communications system to all federal, state, and municipal public safety organizations via its wireless broadband data network.

From the perspective of the students, parents and municipalities this proposal would be a great benefit. I am urging your agency to act quickly on this proposal.

Sincerely,

Joseph M. Lyons
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